

Do you think global power structure is going through transition? What are the contours of big power strategic realignment?

1) Introduction :-

The world order is indeed going through transition. This transition is evident from the decrease in power of the hegemon, rise of China, resurgence of Russia, emergence of multipolar alliances and increase in the number of multilateral alliances and bilateral treaties. Commenting on this change, Henry Kissinger says :-

"We are moving towards a world ~~order~~ that is reordering itself and may appear more ordered at some periods of time, but I see no sign that we are moving towards

a world order in my definition of it."

2) Evidence of Global Power Structure's Transition:

There are some very clear signs of the transitions that the world order is under going. Compared to the first two decades after the Cold War, where USA was the sole hegemon, the conditions are drastically different in this decade.

1) Polycentric Multipolarity:

With the erosion of USA's power, we are witnessing the emergence of several small poles including China, Russia, EU, India and other middle powers.

2) Rise^{Of} Technology as the New Warfronts :-

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battle for control of quantum tech and semiconductors is another indication of changing power structure where military and economic superiority is no longer the only way to dominance.

3) National Economies

Overriding Free Trade:

Compared to the *Liasses* Faire economic principles of the past, national economies are more tilted towards industrial self-sufficiency and protectionism.

4) Increased Reliance on

5th Generation Warfare Tactics:

The countries are increasingly relying on 5th Generation warfare tactics like cyberattacks, disinformation and drone technologies to fight wars.

Example:- The tactics employed by Pakistan and India during the May, 2025 war are a case in point.

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5) Increased Role of Non-state Actors:-

Private militias, international finance corporations, MNCs and NGOs are increasingly targetting the strict sovereignty of states.

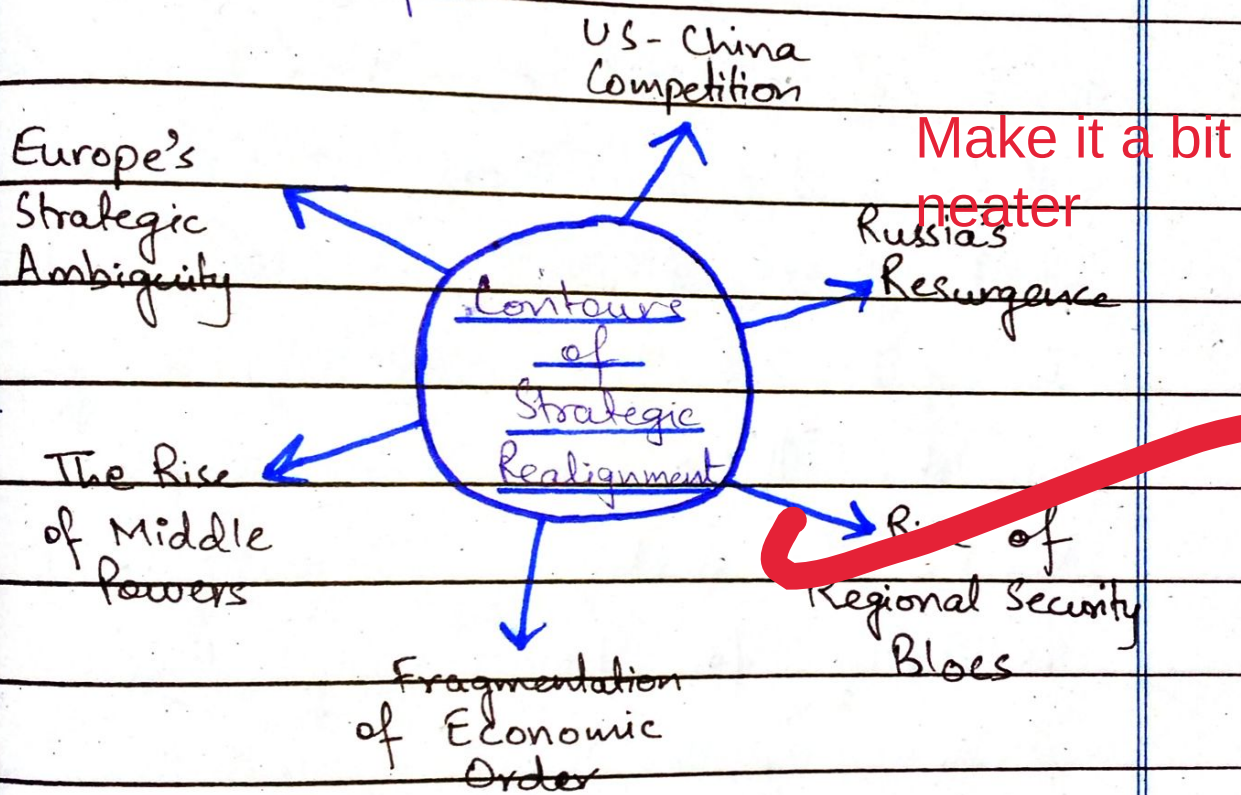
3) Contours of Big Power Strategic Re-alignment:

This big power strategic re-alignment has following contours:-

a) US-China Systemic Competition:

The rise of China has initiated a tug-of-war between China and USA. This has resulted

into an environment where both powers are trying to decouple their economies and diversify their supply chains. Tariff war and Critical minerals race are the manifestations of this competition



b) Russia's Resurgence and Alignment with China:-

Owing to the elements of power that Russia possesses, it is making a comeback on the world stage. It is also increasingly

aligning with China. It offers energy security to China while China offers support to it amid sanctions.

c) Europe's Strategic Ambiguity

Strategic ambiguity of EU on issues of market economics, normative order and geopolitical issues is what has allowed it to adapt its role in the rapidly changing world. It is now reaching new levels of strategic ambiguity and wondering for how long it can continue with this policy.

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d) The Rise of Middle Powers

This change is marked by the rise of countries like India, Japan and South Korea as leaders in innovation, and technology.

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Fragmentation of Economic Order

Due to the rise of protectionism, the international economic order is also seeing changes in tariff policies, free-trade agreements.

f) Rise of Regional Security

Blocs :-

The rise of multilateralism is another important contour of emerging world order. The power of UNO is eroding while states are relying on min-blocs like QUAD, AUKUS and BBIN to secure regional advantages.

g) Conclusion :- Add a paragraph before conclusion

The world is rapidly shifting from unipolar order to multipolar order where no one power rules in every aspect.

Rather is ~~is~~ a mix of states
each wielding its power and
making alliances to maximize
its advantage.

You have got potential
Good luck!